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In the name of:

Date: March 14, 2001

Cromer, et al.

Serial No.: 09/282,893

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2000, please find enclosed the following:

- 1) Amendment responsive to the Office Action dated December 21, 2000
- 2) Transmittal Letter (original and two copies)
- 3) Postcard
- 4) The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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Fee Items	Claims remaining after Amendment	Highest # of Claims previously paid for	Extra Claims	Fee Rate	TOTAL
Total Claims	17	- 17 =	0	x 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent	3	- 3 =	0	x 80.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim fee (one or more, first added by this amendment)				270.00	\$ 0.00
Total Fees					\$ 0.00

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

PCI bridge controller 212 includes an interface for a flash memory 242 which includes microcode which executes upon power-on. Flash memory 242 is an electrically erasable programmable read only memory (EEPROM) module and includes BIOS (basic input/output system) that is used to interface between the I/O devices and operating system. PCI bridge

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